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In re Application of:

Mathias FIBI *et al.*

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Filed: July 21, 1997

For: *Erythropoietin (EPO) Peptides and  
Antibodies Directed Against These*

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of March 12, 2002. A fee of \$400.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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